## **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-59**

## A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO TAKE COST-EFFECTIVE ACTIONS THAT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY BY REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff is devoted to enhancing the quality of life of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff is committed to working with the Flagstaff community to conserve natural resources and safeguard the environment for future generations; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing scientific evidence that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere will have a profound effect on the earth's climate, increasing the risk to municipal governments from increased extreme weather events, changing rainfall and crop productivity patterns, and migration of infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, recent, well-documented impacts of climate disruption include average global sea level increases of four to eight inches during the 20<sup>th</sup> century; a forty percent decline in Arctic sea-ice thickness; and nine of the ten hottest years of record occurring in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, a growing body of scientific studies has concluded that we must act collectively and immediately to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases that are being released into the atmosphere or the planet will experience catastrophic consequences; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption, went into effect in the one hundred forty-one countries that have ratified it to date, although the only two major industrial nations not to have ratified it are the United States and Australia; and

WHEREAS, the United States, with less than five percent of the world's population, is responsible for producing approximately twenty-five percent of the world's global warming pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the Kyoto Protocol emissions reduction target for the United States would have been seven percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, two hundred seventy-five mayors from forty-three states, representing 48.2 million citizens have signed on to the United States Mayors Climate Protection Agreement to strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution in their own communities; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency, reduced vehicle miles traveled, and waste reduction can provide

multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, extending landfill life, and reducing energy expenditures for the City, its businesses and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Council intends for the City to take a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations, and

WHEREAS, the Council has already approved a sustainability staff position and sustainability policies in the City's 2006-07 budget;

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Council hereby declares its intent that the City shall identify and consider actions that will reduce Flagstaff's contribution to total global greenhouse gas emissions by filling the budget-approved staff sustainability position before January 1, 2007.

Section 2. Flagstaff will immediately adopt the United States Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Section 3. The City Manager is hereby directed to develop a local action plan by budget year 2007-08. The local action plan will be developed with the initial goal of being in alignment with the Kyoto Protocol target reducing gas emissions generated in the city of Flagstaff, while achieving cost effectiveness in each program.

Section 4. The City Manager shall annually submit to the City Council a report that evaluates the progress of City staff on greenhouse gas reduction efforts, recommends actions for consideration in the upcoming budget cycle, and identifies additional greenhouse gas reducing activities that merit consideration two or more years into the future.

Section 5. The City will urge the United States Congress to adopt the Kyoto protocol.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY